

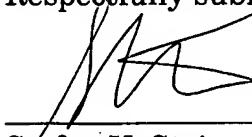


REMARKS

Please cancel Claims 4, 7, 8 and 10-17 without prejudice of disclaimer.

Claims 1-3, 5-6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hooberman.

Respectfully submitted,

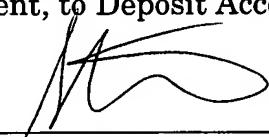


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